GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:330
ANSWERED ON:14.12.2006
PERMISSION TO PRIVATE COMPANIES
Khanna Shri Avinash Rai;Mohale Shri Punnulal

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government has formulated any policy for granting permission to private sector oil companies to set up petrol/diesel retail outlets ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; (

(c) the details of the oil companies in the private sector granted permission for setting up petrol/diesel retail outlets ;

(d) the number of petrol/diesel retail outlets set up by each of these companies ;

(e) whether the Government has received any complaints that the private companies are not complying with the norms prescribed for opening of retail outlets ; and

(f) if so, the action taken by the Government in the matter ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) to (f) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 330 BY SHRI PUNNU LAL MOHALE AND SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA TO BE ANSWERED ON 14TH DECEMBER, 2006 REGARDING PERMISSION TO PRIVATE COMPANIES.

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. Government have issued detailed guidelines for granting authorization to market transportation fuels, namely, Motor Spirit (MS), High Speed diesel (HSD) and Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) to new entrants including the private sector, through its Resolution of 8th March, 2002.

(c)&(d) : Government have granted authorization to market transportation fuels to four private companies namely, M/s. Reliance Industries Limited (RIL), M/s. Essar Oil Limited (EOL), M/s. Shell India Marketing Pvt. Limited (SIMPL) and M/s. Reliance Petroleum Limited (RPL). The number of Retails Outlets (ROs) set up by these private companies so far are as under :

Name of company	Number of ROs
RIL	1320
EOL	1001
SIMPL	20
RPL	0

(e)&(f) : Government have not received any complaints that the private companies are not complying with the norms prescribed for opening of ROs. However, while granting authorization, appropriate conditions has been imposed in the public interest, including the obligation to set up ROs in remote areas and low service areas and that the eligible company will not encroach upon the retail network of existing marketing companies.